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THREE INDICTED FOR TEN BANK ROBBERIES

COLUMBUS – A federal grand jury here today returned three separate indictments charging three Columbus men in connection with ten bank robberies that occurred in the area between October 2007 and September 2008.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Keith L. Bennett, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), announced the indictments returned today.

One indictment charges **Brent E. Dingey**, age 22, of Zanesville, with seven counts of bank robbery. The indictment alleges that Dingey robbed the:

National City Bank on East Broad Street in Whitehall on July 28, 2008
Century National Bank in Zanesville on August 1, 2008,
U.S. Bank in Dublin on August 16, 2008,
Delaware County Bank and Trust in Dublin on August 27, 2008, and
Huntington National Bank in Bellefontaine on September 3, 2008.

The indictment also alleges that Dingey attempted to rob a Huntington National Bank in Dublin and robbed a Fifth Third Bank on Bethel Road in Columbus on August 21, 2008.

The second indictment charges **Victor E. Wilbanks**, age 44, of Columbus with robbing the Kemba Financial Credit Union in Whitehall on October 4, 2007 and a National City Bank in Cincinnati on August 28, 2008.

The third indictment alleges that **Michael W. Williams**, age 44, of Mansfield robbed a U.S. Bank in Westerville on February 25, 2008.

Unarmed bank robbery is punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$250,000. All three men are in custody and will be arraigned before a federal magistrate judge.

“These indictments are the result of tremendous cooperation between the FBI and ten state and local law enforcement agencies,” Lockhart said. “Columbus, Zanesville, Dublin, Whitehall, Westerville, Bellefontaine, Cincinnati, and Marysville PDs, the Union County Sheriff’s Office, and the Ohio Adult Parole Authority shared the information that led to the capture and charges against these individuals.

Lockhart commended Assistant U.S. Kevin W. Kelley, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. Defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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